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Attorney General John Ashcroft, US Justice Department
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I'm glad that a settlement was reached in the antitrust case between Microsoft, the government and nine states. However, I don't feel there should have been any litigation in the first place. Free enterprise should manage itself.

Not only has Microsoft agreed to make sweeping changes so that to computer manufacturers can configure Windows in order to promote competitor software programs that compete with programs included in Windows. They've also agreed to not enter into any agreements forcing other companies to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively or in a fixed percentage, except for a few exceptions where there isn't any competition anyway.

It is obvious to me that Microsoft is cooperating so they can go back to business and help revive the technology sector of the economy. No more action should be taken at the federal level at all.

Sincerely,

Raymond Fairbanks